

NCC Minutes 5/31/07

unapproved

Open meeting: 7:08 p.m.

Present: A. Watts, D. Mason, R. LaBranche, L. Hill, B. Byrne

1) Ongoing Administrative Business:

a) Treasurer's reports: read by D. Mason

4/16/07- A. Watts motions to accept, R. LaBranche seconds, all in favor YES.

5/21/07-\$19,300 given back to town from MBIA #2 due to an error found by the auditors. A. Watts motions to accept, R. LaBranche seconds, all in favor YES.

b) Minutes 4/16/07- D. Mason motions to accept, A. Watts seconds, all in favor YES.

2) Bills

a) Cartographic Assoc.- \$2454 for digitizing wetlands. A. Watts motions to pay, R. LaBranche seconds, all in favor YES.

b) M. West- 4/16: \$1401.99, 4/30: \$ 2,033.94 for Prime Wetlands work. Have paid \$21,175.00 so far. Original estimate approx. \$30,000. A. Watts motions to pay, D. Mason seconds, all in favor YES.

3) Prime Wetlands

- Deadline from NH Est. Projects to receive grant was 4/30/07. A. Watts was able to submit an unofficial proposal by that date with a first draft of the digitized map.
- We need to hold some informational meetings for the public, which NHEP will also do, to prepare for getting this on the ballot next spring.
- L. Hill suggests shading in existing conserved lands and A. Watts recommends delineating existing wetlands to provide people with more information.
- B. Byrnes feels this should be tied into other towns. A. Watts points out that the official map only includes Newfields but that we should certainly keep bordering wetlands in mind.
- The book that M. West has compiled describes each proposed prime wetland with corresponding ratings, etc.

4) Easement monitoring- Need to start scheduling for this year. May receive funding from NHEP for monumenting inner boundaries but funds are low.

5) NCC funds- Minutes from the 5/1/07 Selectmans meeting state that they need to approve any expenditures made by the Commission. A. Watts points out that RSA 36-II clearly states that it is solely the discretion of the Commission. She has sent a copy of the RSA to Wes Moore.

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6) Next meeting is 6/18/07

7) Other Business-

a) Memorial Day celebration- Need to find the NCC T-shirts.

b) Bike Lane on Rt. 108- Newfields Selectman feel not much interest by townspeople so are not inclined to participate. The town will have no fiscal responsibility. It will need to review contracts and do some oversight. Newmarket and Stratham are on board. The ultimate goal is to ring Great Bay. Another public hearing is being held 6/12/07.

Adjourn 7:48 p.m.

NCC member L. Hill 5/21/07